

April 22, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**READINGS: Acts 4.7-12, Psalm 118
1 John 3.1-2 John 10.11-18**

**Saturday, April 21, 2018 4:00 PM
FEAST OF ST KATERI TEKAKWITHA
CELEBRATION**

Offered for: Bernard Arquette, Memorial Mass and Deceased Members of the Kateri Circle Memorial

Altar Servers: Megan, Phillip and Morgan
Lectors: Norman Tarbell and Norma Sunday

**Sunday, April 22– 10:00 am
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Offered for: Orlo Ransom, Memorial Mass, Funeral Collection

Altar Servers: Kenia, Reagan, Analeyna & Rylee
Lectors: Erin Cole and Lisa Tarbell

Tuesday April 24, 2018 7:00 PM

Offered for: Mitchell Thompson, Memorial Mass, Funeral Collection

Wednesday April 25, 2018 12:10 PM

Offered for: Mike Benedict, Memorial Mass, Funeral Collection

Thursday April 26, 2018 12:10 PM

Offered for: Robert Thompson, Memorial Mass, Requested by Lorna & Maureen Eldred

Friday April 27, 2018 12:10 PM

Offered for: Manfred Ransom, Memorial Mass, Funeral Collection

Saturday, April 28, 2018 4:00 PM

Offered for: Joseph Wood, Memorial Mass, Funeral Collection

Altar Servers: Cheyenne, Keon and Summer
Lectors: Jamie Bay and Caroline Peters

**Sunday, April 29, 2018 10:00 AM FIFTH
SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Offered for: David Michael Thomas and Scott Thomas, Memorial Mass, Funeral Collection

Altar Servers: Kenia, Reagan, Analeyna & Rlee
Lectors: Rosemary Bonaparte and Phil Tarbell

DEATH OF ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA

It was Wednesday of Holy Week, April 17, 1680. Kateri knew she was going to die. For over six months, fever assailed her; acute pains gnawed at her head and stomach; for days on end, depressing spells of weakness kept her bedridden. Each morning her friends, obliged to work in the fields, left her alone in her lodge with a plate of sagamite and a goblet of water. Then through the long day, solitude enveloped her..

How did this twenty-four year old Mohawk girl react? Great joy marked her during these last months. She rejoiced that she was giving God what He asked of her. Her smiling face which showed the peace of her mind impressed Father Cholenec who brought her Holy Communion on the Tuesday of Holy Week. She delighted in her God with an abundance of joy!

Again on Wednesday about ten o'clock, the dying girl asked for the Sacraments which she received with great devotion. She encouraged her friend, Marie Therese Tegaiguenta who was at her bedside never to abandon mortification and promised to love her in heaven. Then she spoke no longer. To the end, Kateri's hearing was good. If an act of love of God was suggested, her face brightened up. Her last words admirably sum up her entire life "**JESUS! MARY! I LOVE YOU!**"

At the time of her death, Kateri's features still retained the pockmarks of her childhood. Scarcely a quarter of an hour had elapsed when Father Cholenec who had been praying beside her, cried out in amazement. Kateri's countenance had become very beautiful. A small ray of the glory of which her soul had taken possession, was reflected in her chaste body." (Description by Father Henri Bechard, S.J., Vice-Postulator for the Cause of Kateri's Canonization)

HOW TO PRAY THE CHAPLET OF MERCY

With your Rosary beads, pray an Our Father, a Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed.

On the "Our Father" beads, pray: **Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.**

On the ten "Hail Mary" beads, pray: **For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

Repeat on each of the five decades. At the end, pray three times: **Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

BE NOT AFRAID! FAITH in Jesus is the answer to fear. Deep down we are all afraid: afraid of suffering, or of dying; afraid of God's judgment, afraid of the unknown, of weakness, or of our lives slipping out of our control or of not being understood and loved. We sin because we fear. We bully because we are cowards. FAITH in Jesus casts out darkness. God has shone His light into our world and it is stronger than darkness. **That Light is Jesus Christ.**

PRE-CANA CONFERENCE

Those preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony are invited to attend a Pre-Cana Conference on April 26 and 28 at St. Augustine's Church, 2472 State Route 11, North Bangor, NY. **April 26th:** 6:30-8:30 pm and **April 28th:** 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. For more information contact Deacon Henry and Dayna Leader at 315—287-2874 or dleader@rcdony.org.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in Mohawk)

Ta kwa ien ha, ne, ka ron hia ke, te si te ron, a ie sa sen na ien, a ie sa wen ni ios ta ke, a ie sa wen na ra kwa ke, non wen tsia ke, tsi ni iot, ne, ka ron hia ke, kie sa wen na rak wa. Ta kwa nont, ne, ken wen te, ia kion he kon, nia te wen ni se ra ke, sa sa ni konr hen, ne ion kwa ri wa ne ren, tsi ni iot, ni, i, tsi on kwa ni konr hens. O the non, ion ki ni konh rak sa ton, non kwe; to sa, a ion kwa sen ni, ne ka ri wa ne ren, ak we kon, e ren, sa wit, nio tak sens.

NE NE KA NA KE RAH TSHE RA, NE NE KA SATS TENH SE RA, KA IA TA NE HRA KWAH TSHE RA, SA WEN'K NON:WA NOK TSI NEN:WE – E THO E THO NA IA WEN.

**CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST. KATERI
TEKAWAKWITHA ON SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018**

We are very happy to welcome as celebrant with Father Jerome Pastores, Reverend Maurice Henry Sands of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Mission Office. Father Sands is a member of the Ojibway, Ottawa, and Potawatomi tribes. He grew up in the Bkejwanong First Nation on Walpole Island in the St. Clair River, north of Detroit. As director of the Bureau of Catholic Missions, Father Sands succeeded Father Wayne Paysse (2007-2015) and Monsignor Paul Lenz (1976 to 2007). For over thirty years, Monsignor Lenz befriended the St. Regis Mission Church and Kateri Tekakwitha Conferences and celebrations. He was instrumental in assisting the Diocese of Ogdensburg to obtain religious education grants for Akwesasne.

Each year the Diocese of Ogdensburg appeals for financial aid to assist the St. Regis Mission's religious education program. Without that aid, the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center and its religion program could not survive.

Let us join Father Jerome and Father Sands at the 4:00 PM Mass which will also honor deceased members of the Kateri Circle on Saturday, April 21st. The Kateri Circle will be offering a traditional meal in honor of St. Kateri at the St. Kateri Center after Mass. This will be an opportunity for parishioners to meet Father Sands and express our gratitude for the aid given to us by the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions over the years.

WE PRAY TO ST. KATERI FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER

O Saint Kateri, Lily of the Mohawks, we beg you to pray for healing for all who are suffering, especially Philip Francis, Michael Thomas, Alliene Reyome, Christie Thompson, Marjorie Lazore, Ken Lazore, Marjorie Thompson, Leonard and Isabel Garrow, Jack Angus, Alexina Auger, Eric Seymour, Louis Garrow, Clyde Cree, Francis Cree, Marilyn Tarbell, Bruce Bombard, Marie Casey, Cecilia Lazare, Nancy Phillips, April Benedict, Marita Francis, Abby David, Eleanor Thompson, Louis Jacobs, Teddy Cook and Camryn Cook.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. May the Lord console the families of David Vernon Hopps and Colton Hart. Lord, grant eternal rest to all our deceased relatives and friends. AMEN.

COLLECTIONS

The collections for March 31, 2018-April 1st, April 7-8, and April 14-15, 2018 will be reported in the next bulletin.

YOUTH RALLY

A youth rally for young people in Grades 6 to 12, will be conducted at St. Mary's Church in Canton, NY on April 28th all day. The day will include keynote speaker, Bob Perron, interactive park, prayer, lunch, workshops, and a closing Mass celebrated by Bishop LaValley. Youth leaders can register their group at www.rcdony.org.youthrally/rally

DIVINE MERCY

Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion on that day.

God promised St. Faustina that He would give great graces to those who pray a Novena to His Mercy from Good Friday to Mercy Sunday and to all who pray the Chaplet of Mercy daily. We ask you to beg God's mercy upon all sinners and all the suffering souls in Purgatory, and upon our St. Regis Mission Parish. Pray for our families, for those who have lost faith in Jesus, for those who are suffering, for those who are dying.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Religious Education Classes continue for the months of April and May with the following scheduled sessions: First Communion at Tri-District Lodge: **APRIL 17, 24, & MAY 1ST - 6 PM**; First Communion at St. Kateri Center: **APRIL 19, 26 & MAY 3RD - 6 PM**; Confirmation at the St. Kateri Center: **APRIL 18, MAY 2, 9, 16, & MAY 23RD - 6 PM.**

NOTE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS:

Our Communion and Confirmation celebration dates are now getting closer with only a few sessions remaining. There is still a great deal of faith sharing to be initiated. It is very, very, important to attend **ALL** classes, and at least **ONE** mass on the weekend. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN IN.** The schedule will continue to be updated as the celebration dates get closer. For questions or concerns, contact Laura Morris at 518-358-2931.

NIAWEN:KOWA

Niawen:kowa to Bernice Lazore and the organizers of the April 19th Mass celebrated by Father John Downs, to the Ottawa Kateri Native Ministry Women's Choir and to Deacon Ronald Boyer, Kahnawake for the Prayer and Healing Service and to all those who attended.